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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449.

Each of the listed documents was cited in parent Application No. 08/717,072. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the U.S. Patents and Japanese Patent Applications Laid-Open cited in the parent application are not provided herewith. However, all of the co-pending applications cited in the parent application have issued as patents, and copies of those patents are enclosed herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 4,723,129 is discussed at page 2 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. SHO-63-199972 is discussed at page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. SHO-61-69467 and SHO-55-81172, and U.S. Patent No. 4,480,259, are discussed at page 4 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

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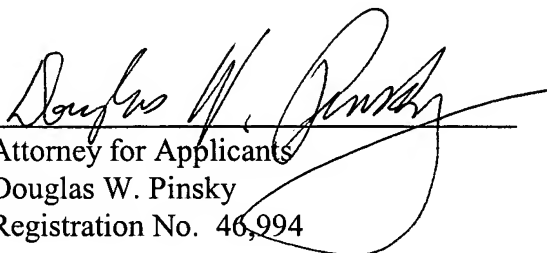
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CONCLUSION

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